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TOURE'S DESIRE TO HAVE HELP FOR WORK BRIGADES

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1. WHEN I MET WITH PRESIDENT TOURE ON NOVEMBER 3, HE BEGAN CONVERSATION BY THANKING USG WARMLY FOR 2,000 TONS OF PL-480 TITLE II SORGHUM AND INSTRUCTED HIS PRIME MINISTER TO HAVE COMMUNIQUE EXPRESSING GOG THANKS PUBLISHED IN LOCAL NEWS-PAPER. TOURE THEN GAVE LIST OF CITIES ALONG SENEGALESE-MALIAN BORDER WHERE GRAIN HAD BEEN DISTRIBUTED.

2. LATER IN TALK PRESIDENT REFERRED TO THE WORK BRIGADES THAT ARE BEING REVITALIZED AND EXPANDED TO INCREASE PRODUCTION OF CONSUMER AND INDUSTRIAL CROPS. HE SAID THESE BRIGADES COULD BENEFIT GREATLY FROM SMALL TOOLS AND IMPLEMENTS SUCH AS PLOWS, HOES, SHOVELS, SPRINKLERS, SEEDS, FERTILIZERS, ETC. MOST INTERESTING OF ALL WAS TOURE'S CHARACTERIZATION OF WHAT HE
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CALLED A "NEW FORMULA" BY WHICH THE MEMBERS OF THESE BRIGADES

WOULD BE WORKING FOR THEMSELVES RATHER THAN FOR GOVERNMENT.

"THE MORE THEY WORK, THE MORE THEY WILL RECEIVE." INCREASED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, TOURE CONCLUDED, IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF POLITICAL SECURITY WHICH HE SAID IS NEEDED TO PROTECT EXISTING US AND OTHER FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN MINING SECTOR.

3. I INFORMED TOURE OF USG READINESS ALREADY COMMUNICATED TO HIS ECONOMICS MINISTER, TO HAVE RDO MCADAMS COME FROM DAKAR TO DISCUSS WITH GUINEAN OFFICIALS WHETHER AND HOW US MIGHT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM. AT A LATER DATE, DEPENDING ON OUTCOME OF MCADAM'S CONVERSATIONS, AN AGRICULTURAL SPECIALIST COULD COME TO DISCUSS DETAILS. TOURE SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD BE HAPPY TO RECEIVE MCADAMS AT ANY TIME.

4. COMMENT: I BELIEVE WE SHOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ENCOURAGE AND ASSIST WHATEVER MIGHT SERVE TO INCREASE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION. ORGANIZATION OF PRODUCTION BRIGADES FOR FOOD CROPS IS MOST ENCOURAGING EFFORT GUINEANS HAVE MADE ALONG SELF-HELP LINES TO INCREASE AGRICULTURAL OUTPUT. IT IS ALSO FIRST TIME OF WHICH I AM AWARE THAT TOURE ADMITTED IN ANY WAY WHATEVER THAT THERE IS VALID CONNECTION BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL OR COOPERATIVE OUTPUT AND REWARD. THIS PROVIDES OCCASION FOR US TO MAKE MATERIAL CONTRIBUTION WHICH WILL OVER MEDIUM TO LONG-TERM GREATLY EASE AND EVENTUALLY REMOVE PRESSURE OF USG TO PROVIDE FOOD SUPPLIES TO THIS COUNTRY AND AREA.

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